

# In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

**Jeff Garness, Lisa Garness, Shannon Carte, Donald Crafts, Susan Kent-Crafts, and Carolyn “Care” Clift,**  
Appellants,

v.

**State of Alaska, Office of Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer, Division of Elections, and Director Gail Fenumiai,**

Appellees.

**Elizabeth A. Hodges Snyder,**

Intervenor.

Supreme Court No. **S-17951**

## **Order**

Appointment of Special Master

Briefing Schedule

Oral Argument Date

Date of Order: **12/15/2020**

On consideration of the Statement of Positions filed by the parties in response to this court’s 12/14/2020 order,

### **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. The Honorable Josie Garton is appointed special master to consider factual questions raised in the Appellants’ statement of points on appeal. The master shall conduct an evidentiary hearing and make a report of findings with respect to those questions. This evidentiary hearing may be coordinated with the hearing scheduled to take place in the related election contest in 3AN-20-09661CI on December 22–23, 2020. The master’s report of findings in this matter and the superior court’s order in the related election contest shall both be due by **4:30pm on December 29, 2020.**
2. If either party intends to appeal the order issued in the election contest pending before Judge Garton in 3AN-20-09661CI, it must file a notice of appeal no later than **December 30, 2020.** As stated in our previous order, these two appeals will be consolidated for briefing and consideration.

3. The record on appeal should be transmitted by the trial court clerk to the Clerk of the Appellate Courts by **December 30, 2020**. This court will prepare a transcript of the evidentiary hearing in this appeal and in the related election contest. The transcript is due on or before **December 30, 2020**.
4. The parties shall file simultaneous opening briefs by **noon** on **January 4, 2021**. The parties shall file simultaneous responsive briefs by **noon** on **January 6, 2021**. The briefs may be in memorandum format and should be filed electronically at the [pleadings@akcourts.us](mailto:pleadings@akcourts.us) email address with proof of service on all parties. No paper copies should be filed with the court.
5. Oral argument will take place at **9:30am** on **January 8, 2021**. The argument will be conducted by video conference using Zoom and broadcast live and archived on [ktoo.org/gavel](http://ktoo.org/gavel).

Entered at the direction of an individual justice.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

*/s/ M. Montgomery*

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Meredith Montgomery

cc: Supreme Court Justices  
Judge Garton  
ACRO

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